SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bonded Labour is prohibited under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. There is no distinction between child and adult Bonded Labour under the Act. In addition to the above, child labour is prohibited in carpet weaving industry under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. Enforcement of these laws is the responsibility of the State Government. State Governments are reminded from time to time to enforce these laws effectively. Review, meeting are held with State Government to monitor the enforcement activity. Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers by National and Regional Labour Institutes.

(c) Separate figures for child bonded labourers are not available.

Modifications in the Industrial Relations Law

760. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have so far been taken by Government to modify and revise the industrial relations law in regard to different aspects of the industrial relations, including the concepts of the right to strike and lock-out, retrenchment, hire and fire, workmen compensation, minimum wages;

(b) by what time a comprehensive new industrial relations law is to be brought up and at what stage the matter stands at present; and

(c) whether the consultation with the representatives of the industry and newspaper have been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Specific proposals to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, Trade Unions Act, Minimum Wages Act and Workmen's Compensation Act have been formulated after extensive deliberations in various forums and these proposals are being further processed.

761. *[Transferred to 8th March 1994]*.

Amendment to Child Labour Laws

762. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any scheme or proposed to amend the existing child labour laws to complete the ban on different categories of child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when such scheme/schemes or amendment will be effective; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Introduction of New Labour Laws

763. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the promised amended or new labour laws are going to be introduced during the current budget session of Parliament;

(b) whether Government are considering two sets of closure retrenchment schemes i.e. for the existing industries and new industries;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to be embodied in the Act that 45 days wages for each